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Dear Otto:

ORR prepared extremely useful studies on Soviet bloc trade with developing countries earlier this year for Preparatory Committee sessions of the UN Conference on Trade and Development. The Department wants to have these papers available for the US delegation that will attend the Conference itself when it convenes early in 1964. The Director has asked me for this reason to request that you review your studies and update the statistical data in them. We shall need them by the end of January 1964, classified no higher than Limited Official Use.

I am enclosing a copy of the position paper that we have drafted for the Conference. Since it indicates the probable US stand on a number of specific issues involving Soviet bloc LDC trade, it may be of value to you in reviewing your studies.

Mr. Morris Crawford of INR or Mr. Edward Fried of the Policy Planning Council can be consulted if any problems arise from this request.

Sincerely yours,

Allan Evans
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Bureau of Intelligence and Research

References: CIA/RR, ORR Project No. 40.3970,
LDC Trade with the Soviet Bloc, Part I, The Soviets at the Conference; Part II, Patterns and Prospects of Soviet Bloc Trade with the Underdeveloped Countries.

Enclosure: Position paper on Soviet Bloc-LDC Trade.

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